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## BOSTON SCORE NAMED CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

## In Person & Via Email—SCORE Delivers Good Advice

BOSTON – The Boston SCORE (Service Corps. of Retired Executives) Chapter has been selected as the Massachusetts District Chapter of the Year for 2002 according to an announcement made by Elaine Guiney, Massachusetts Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Boston SCORE counseled and trained 5,477 clients in 2002, a record year. The chapter has grown, in part, because of its innovative community outreach efforts, its strong local alliance partnerships and a successful marketing campaign. There are six SCORE chapters with 34 satellite locations in Massachusetts. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (<a href="www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a>) and is dedicated to aiding in the formation, growth, and success of small businesses.

"Boston SCORE was selected because of its excellence in providing a wide-range of high-quality services to the Boston area small business community," said SBA Director Guiney. "This chapter offers the straight-from-the-hip wisdom that sets their clients on the right path. This free expert advice helps clients focus on the really important issues that every business owner must grapple with in order to succeed."

With more than 60 volunteer business counselors, the Boston SCORE chapter provides small business mentoring and advice on the full range of business topics. Clients meet face-to-face with a business expert, who has experience owning or operating a business. SCORE members may also counsel in teams, with each counselor bringing a specific strength to the table. This chapter also offers a pre-business workshop every month. Visit <a href="https://www.scoreboston.org">www.scoreboston.org</a> for a complete listing of workshops and other services.

SCORE e-mail counseling is available 24-hours a day, seven days-a-week @www.score.org. Clients can choose from a wide range of counselors to find the one who best matches their business needs.

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